



Senate Amendments to H.R. 2764 - Foreign Operations Appropriations/Consolidated Appropriations Bill

BACKGROUND

The House-passed appropriations bills totaled \$955 billion, which was \$22 billion above the President's requested levels. Up to this point, only the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill has been signed into law (P.L. 110-116). On December 17, 2007, the House passed, by a vote of 206 to 201, the Fiscal Year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Bill.

Included in the House-passed omnibus appropriations bill is \$31 billion of funding for military operations in Afghanistan. The legislation, however, prohibited additional funding for Operation Iraqi Freedom. On December 18, 2007, the Senate amended the legislation to include an additional funding for operations in Iraq.

The House is expected to consider the Senate amendments to H.R. 2764 on December 19, 2007.

Note: Please follow [this link](#) to read the Legislative Digest for the House-passed version of the omnibus appropriations bill.

FLOOR SITUATION

The Senate amendment to H.R. 2764 will be considered on the floor under a closed rule on December 19, 2007.

- Makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriation to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764.
- Waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except for clause 10 of rule XXI.
- Provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read.
- Provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations.

SUMMARY

The amendment includes the following funding provisions:

- Iraq Freedom Fund: \$3.747 billion
- Afghanistan Security Forces Fund: \$1.35 billion

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- Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund: \$4.269 billion
- Defense Working Capital Fund: \$1 billion
- Defense Health Program: \$575.7 million
- Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense: \$192.6 million

Military Personnel

- Navy: \$95.624 million
- Marine Corps: \$56.050 million
- Air Force: \$138.037 million

Operation and Maintenance

- Army: \$35.152 billion
- Navy: \$3.664 billion
- Marine Corps: \$3.966 billion
- Air Force: \$4.778 billion
- Defense-Wide: \$2.117 billion
- Army Reserve: \$77.736 million
- Navy Reserve: \$46.153 million
- Air Force Reserve: \$12.133 million
- Army National Guard: \$327 million
- Air National Guard: \$51.634 million

Procurement

- Aircraft, Army: \$943.6 million
- Vehicles, Army: \$1.429 billion
- Ammunition, Army: \$154 million
- Other Procurement, Army: \$2.028 billion
- Aircraft, Navy: \$48.5 million
- Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps: \$304.9 million
- Other Procurement, Navy: \$91.481 million
- Procurement, Marine Corps: \$703.25 million
- Aircraft, Air Force: \$51.4 million
- Other Procurement, Air Force: \$30.725 million
- Procurement, Defense-Wide: \$274.74 million

Reports to Congress

The bill requires a report to Congress by the Secretary of Defense within 60 days and every 90 days thereafter through fiscal year 2008. The report would include “a comprehensive setoff performance indicators and measures for progress toward military and political stability in Iraq.”

The reports shall include the following:

Stability and Security in Iraq

- Key measures of political stability
- Primary indicators of a stable security environment in Iraq

- An assessment of the strength of the insurgency
- A description of all militias operating in Iraq
- Key indicators of economic activity
- Criteria to be used to determine when it is safe to begin withdrawing U.S. forces from Iraq

Training and Performance of Security Forces in Iraq

- Training provided to Iraqi military and police
- The criteria for assessing the readiness of Iraqi military and police
- The operational readiness status of Iraq military forces
- The total number of Iraqi battalions needed for the Iraqi security forces
- The effectiveness of the Iraqi military and police officer cadres
- The number of U.S. coalition advisors needed to support the security forces
- An assessment of U.S. military requirements through the end of fiscal year 2008

Additionally, the bill prohibits any agreement that would subject members of the armed forces to be subject to the Iraq criminal courts or punishment under Iraq law.